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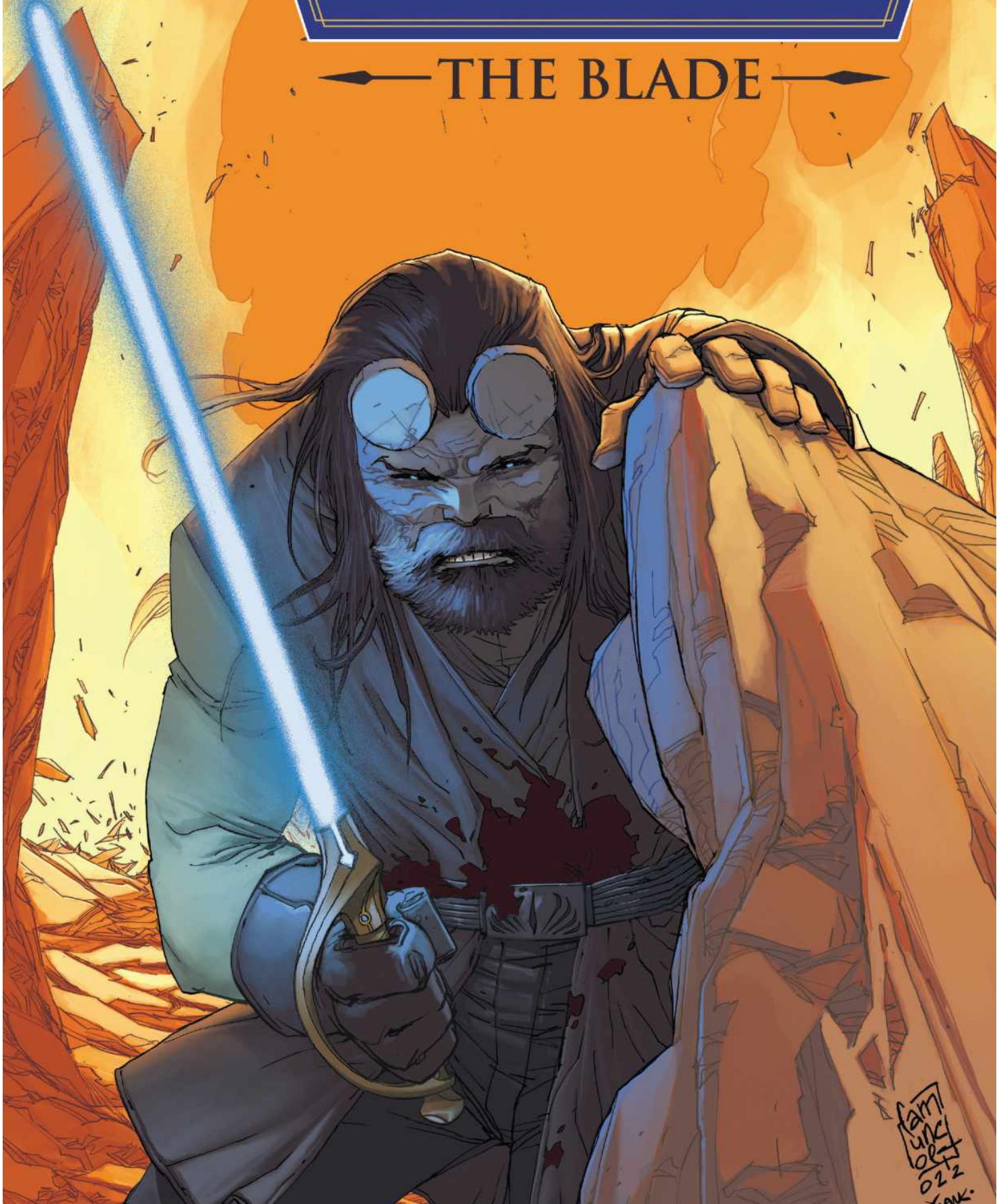
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PORTER'S LAST STAND!

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Part IV

Jedi Porter Engle, master of the lightsaber, earning him the label of THE BLADE OF BARDOTTA, and his sister, Barash, are tasked with breaking a siege between factions and ending a conflict in the Tammuz sector.

But the more time Porter and Barash spend on Gansevor, the planet of knives, the less they can trust their instincts.

While Barash tends to the royals, Porter attempts to quell the war with words... but when faced with hostility, he ignites his saber....

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KTHOOM THOOM

I DIDN'T CATCH YOUR NAME, JEDI.

PORTER ENGLE.

MM. WELL, MASTER ENGLE, THERE'S SOMETHING YOU SHOULD KNOW.

I'VE FOUGHT MEMBERS OF YOUR ORDER BEFORE.

BRAVE KNIGHTS SENT OUT TO BRING PEACE TO THE GALAXY. SOME NEVER CAME HOME. THEY JUST... VANISHED.

THE REASON IS ME.

I'M A JEDI KILLER, AND EVERYONE IN MY ARMY KNOWS IT. THAT'S WHY THEY'RE WATCHING. IT'S WHY THEY'RE EXCITED. THEY KNOW WHAT'S ABOUT TO HAPPEN.

IS THAT SO, GENERAL VIESS? THEN I HAVE TWO THINGS TO SAY.

FIRST, YOUR NAME...I WILL NEVER FORGET. NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS HERE, EVEN IF YOU ESCAPE. YOUR NAME...I WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER. **GENERAL VIESS.**

AND SECOND, YOU MAY HAVE FOUGHT MEMBERS OF MY ORDER.



Firevale.
The Royal Palace.

MOTHER,
WE MUST
SIGNAL TO THE
BETHUNIANS THAT
WE WILL OPEN
THE GATES!

IT IS THE
ONLY WAY TO
ENSURE A CEASE-
FIRE AND ALLOW
US ROOM TO
NEGOTIATE.

YOUR SOLUTION
TO A FOREIGN NATION
ATTACKING OUR CITY IS
TO GIVE THEM OUR
CITY, COLDEN?

IF--NO, *WHEN* THE
BETHUNIANS BREAK
THROUGH OUR GATES,
THEY WILL POUR THROUGH.
THE MERCENARIES'
BLOOD IS UP. THEY
WILL *PLUNDER* AND
MURDER.

BUT IF WE
TELL THEM WE
WILL *OPEN* THE
GATES, THINGS WILL
SETTLE. WE CAN
COMMUNICATE
WITH THEM AS
EQUALS.

IF I OPEN THE GATES,
I WILL BE FORCED
TO ABDICATE. NO
RULER COULD RETAIN
POWER AFTER
SUCH A--

IT WILL
NOT COME TO
THAT, QUEEN
KERAAN.

"EVEN NOW,
PORTER ENGLE IS ON
THE BATTLEFIELD. I
KNOW THE STRATEGY
HE IS USING.

"HE IS FOCUSED
ON DESTROYING
THE MERCENARIES'
HEAVY CANNONS--
SIMULTANEOUSLY REDUCING
THE GREATEST THREAT
AND MAKING IT COSTLY
FOR THEM TO REMAIN.

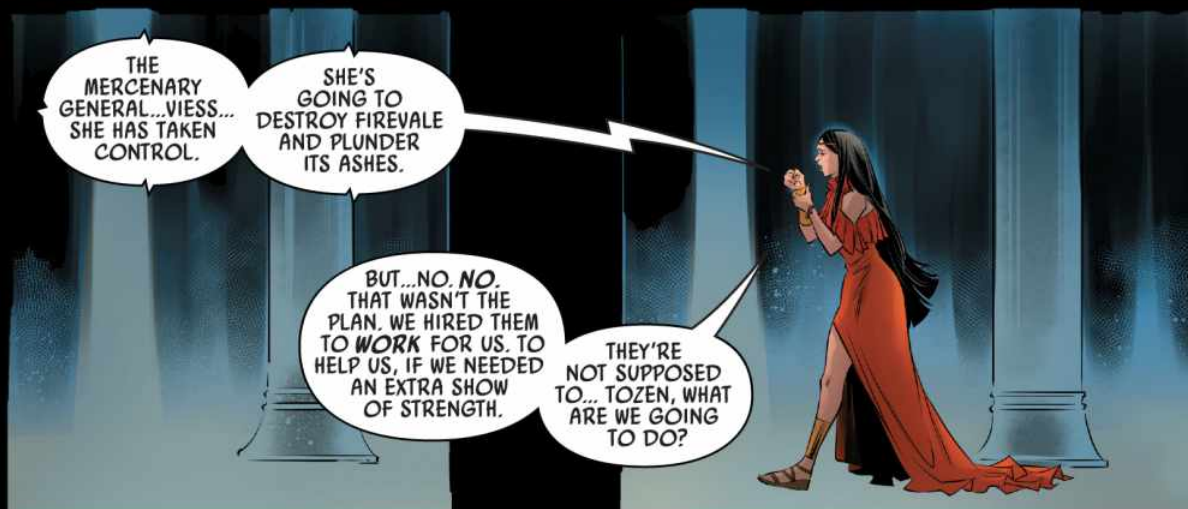
"MERCENARIES CARE
ABOUT *CREDITS*.

"PORTER
WILL SHOW
THEM THERE
IS NO PROFIT
IN REMAINING

"ONLY

















I AM
SAFE! I AM
UNHARMED.

AND NOW,
AS YOUR PRINCESS,
I GIVE YOU THIS
COMMAND.

YOU
MUST END THE
ATTACK.

YOU
HAVE
BEEN LIED
TO. FIELD
MARSHAL
TOZEN IS
DEAD.

THE ATTACK
ON FIREVALE
AND ITS PEOPLE
WAS ORDERED BY
THE MERCENARY
GENERAL. IT IS *NOT*
IN THE INTERESTS
OF BETHUNE
TO DESTROY
THIS CITY.



THE MERCENARIES
MURDERED YOUR
LEADER AND SEEK TO
PLUNDER FIREVALE, TO
TAKE ITS RICHES FOR
THEMSELVES.

WE HAVE OUR
DIFFERENCES WITH THE
PEOPLE OF FIREVALE--
BUT WE ARE ALL PEOPLE
OF THIS WORLD. WE ARE
ALL OF THE PLANET
OF KNIVES.

NOW, MY PEOPLE,
CITIZENS OF BETHUNE...TAKE
YOUR BLADES AND SHOW THESE
THIEVING, TREACHEROUS OUT-
SIDERS THE ONE GREAT TRUTH
THAT UNITES US ALL...



...CHOICES
CUT.



WELL...
WOULD
YOU LOOK
AT THAT?

DEATH
TO THESE
MERCENARY
SCUM!

SHOW
THEM THE
EDGE OF OUR
BLADES!

FOR
GANSEVOR!

FOR THE
PRINCESS!

ARGH!

NNGH!

AIEE!

BETWEEN PORTER, YOUR PEOPLE AND
THE REMAINING FIREVALE DEFENSES,
THE MERCENARIES WILL SOON CHOOSE
TO LEAVE RATHER THAN TAKE FURTHER
LOSSES.

YES...I
SEE THAT.
THIS WAS
THE RIGHT
THING TO
DO.

NO,
PRINCESS. THE
RIGHT THING TO
DO WOULD HAVE
BEEN TO NOT LIE
IN THE FIRST
PLACE.

EVERY
PERSON
WHO DIES DOWN
THERE OR IN THE
CITY CAN BE LAID
AT THE FEET OF
YOU AND YOUR
HUSBAND.

YOU ARE
RESPONSIBLE
FOR ALL OF
THIS. BUT
THEN...

...SO
AM I.





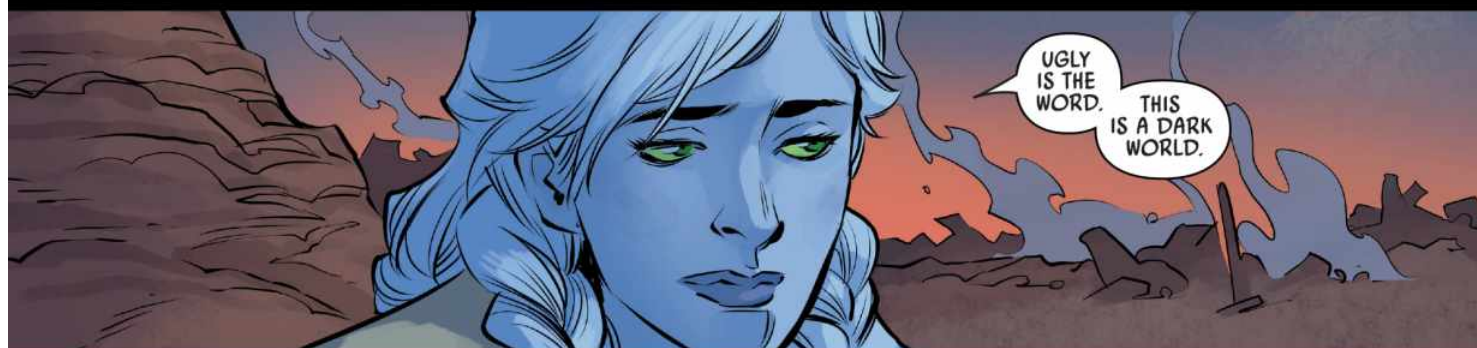


THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS HAD PLANNED TO FORCE QUEEN KERAAN TO ABDICATE--AT WHICH POINT, PRINCE COLDEN WOULD STEP IN TO NEGOTIATE A PREPLANNED TRUCE WITH BETHUNE.

HE'D TAKE THE THRONE AND THEN BRING BETHUNE INTO THE TRADE AND DISTRIBUTION OF THAT MINERAL THEY MINE HERE--**BAUDRAXITE**.

THEY DIDN'T EXPECT THE ENVOY IN THE CAPITAL TO CALL US, AND ONCE WE ARRIVED, THEY BEGAN TO PANIC--THINGS ESCALATED BEYOND THEIR CONTROL.

SO...THE USUAL SORT OF UGLINESS.



UGLY IS THE WORD.

THIS IS A DARK WORLD.



YES. BUT WE DID OUR JOB. WE ENDED THE SIEGE, PROTECTED THE LIGHT AS BEST AS WE COULD. THE REST... WELL, HOPEFULLY, THEY'LL CHOOSE PEACEFUL WAYS TO MOVE PAST ALL OF THIS.

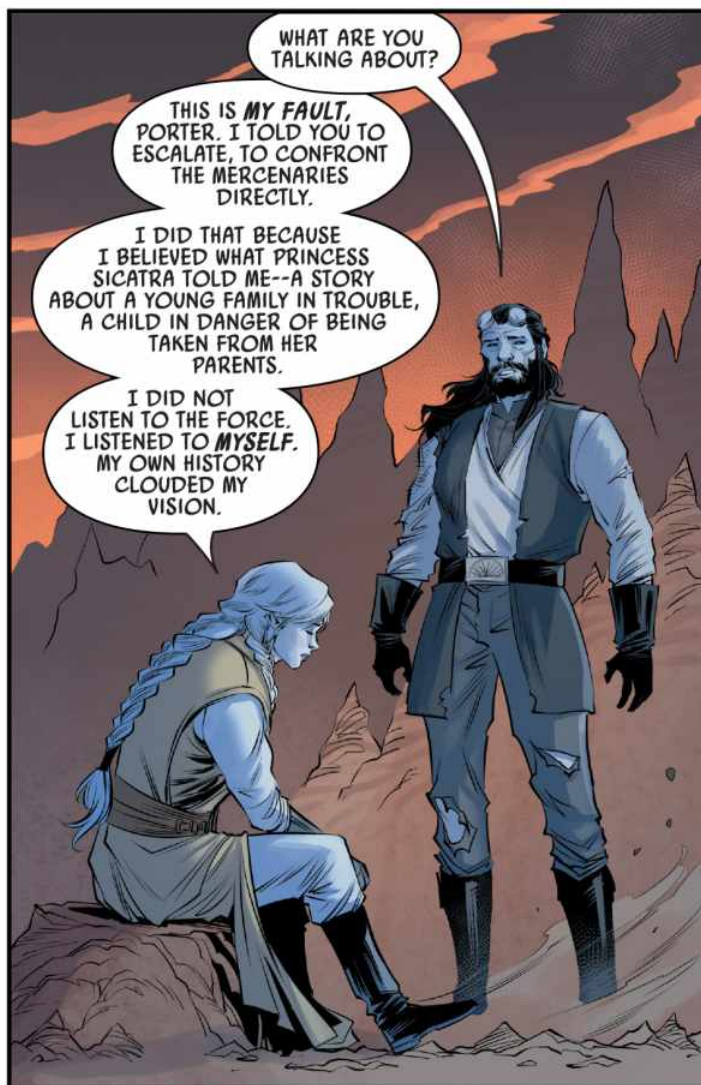
WE SHOULD RETURN TO THE CAPITAL, SO WE'RE READY WHEN THE PATHFINDERS SWING BACK TO PICK US UP. I'M SURE THERE'S MORE WORK FOR US TO DO.



BARASH?



I'M NOT GOING WITH YOU, PORTER.



Coruscant.
The Jedi Temple.

BARASH SILVAIN HAS TAKEN A VOW. SHE REMAINS IN THE ORDER BUT HAS CHOSEN TO REMOVE HERSELF FROM OUR WORK UNTIL SHE IS CERTAIN SHE UNDERSTANDS WHAT THE FORCE WANTS HER TO DO.

WHY DID SHE DO THIS? BARASH'S CONNECTION TO THE FORCE HAS NEVER SEEMED TENUOUS.

AND WHERE HAS SHE GONE? SHE IS NOT RESPONDING TO OUR ATTEMPTS TO COMMUNICATE WITH HER.

I DON'T KNOW WHERE SHE IS.

EVERYTHING I KNOW IS IN MY REPORT. I'M NOT SURE I UNDERSTAND IT ALL MYSELF. BARASH WAS... BARASH IS A VERY SPECIAL PERSON.

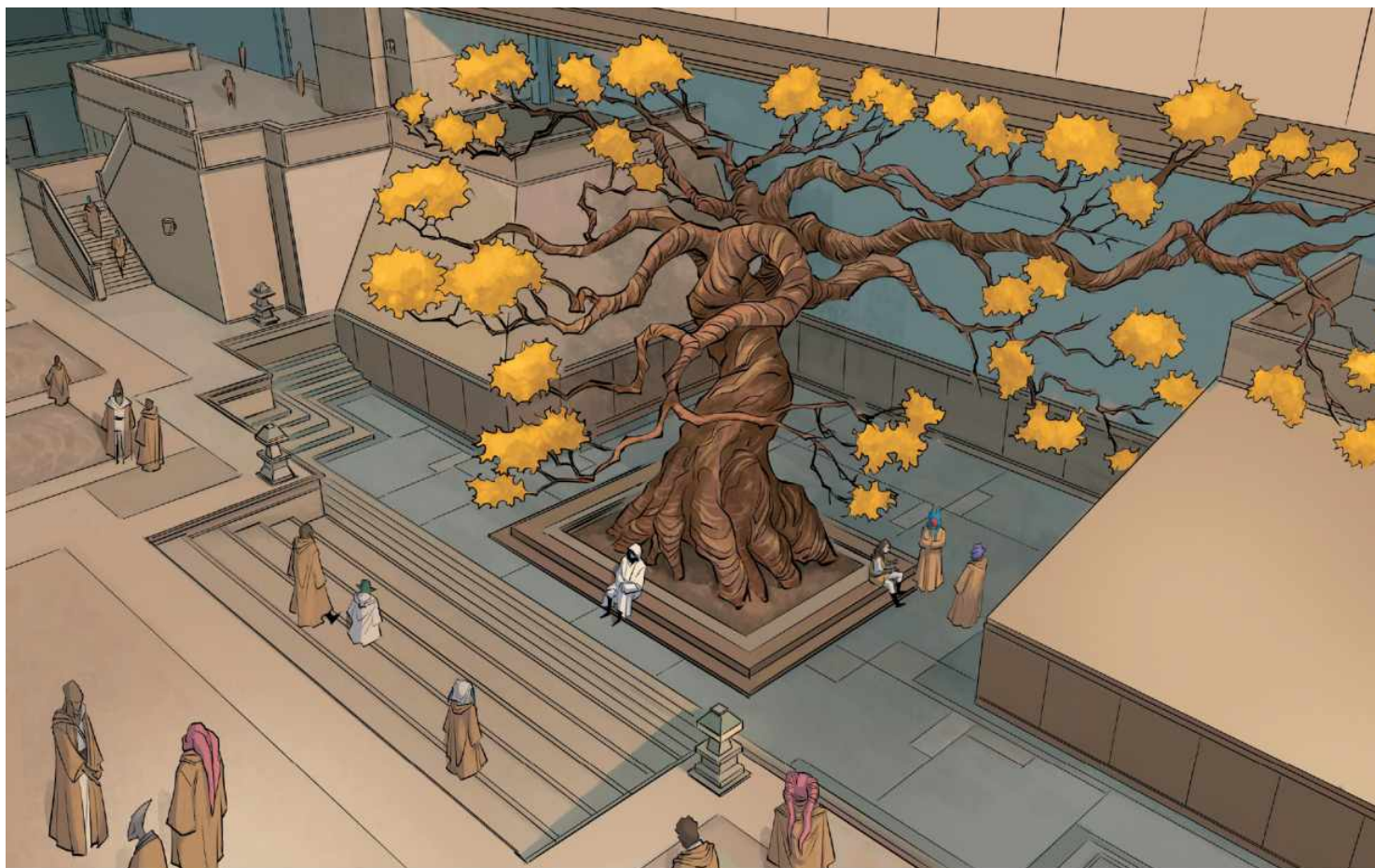
I THINK SHE JUST BECAME...

UNCERTAIN.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR REPORT, PORTER. WE BELIEVE IT IS IN YOUR OWN BEST INTEREST TO BE SENT BACK OUT INTO THE GALAXY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

THERE IS A SITUATION BREWING ON **BARDOTIA** WHERE YOUR SKILLS MAY BE OF GREAT USE.

YES, OF COURSE. THANK YOU.



THE BROKEN BLADE

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